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1. The bombing range was south of the torpedo plant, in the "Two-Anchor Bay". 4 to 5 km southeast of Sudak (34°58'E/44°51'N).
2. Area and point targets were marked by floating buoys.
3. Flying was practiced with Pe-2s, up to eight planes circling the bay at the same time.
 - a. Description: Two in-line engines, tail of engine extending slightly beyond trailing edge of wing, double rudder assembly.
4. Practice and live bombs were dropped.
5. Civilians stated that the aircraft were stationed in Dzhankoi (34°23'E/45°42'N).

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Comment:

This is the first information on the Sudak bombing range. It is of interest with regard to the training of bomber personnel who apparently practiced bombing of sea targets. It is not clear whether these practices were held by special bomber units or whether they represent routine maneuvers. This could only be clarified by reports on the Dzhankoi airfield which was used as an improvised airfield during the German occupation and presumably was improved by the Soviets after the war. No reports have been received on this field.

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Comment: The existence of a torpedo plant in this area is not verified.

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